

Post Event Summary

Event: Baldwin Park Pizza Ride

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	February 8, 2020 9:00 AM
Community Engagement Partner	Active San Gabriel Valley	Location	Morgan Park 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd Baldwin Park, CA 91706
Event Facilitator Contact	Danielle Zamora	Community Member Attendance	Under 18 years old: (0) Over 18 years old: (11-20)
Event Facilitator Contact Email	danielle@activesgv.org	Water Service Provider Attendance	The city of Baldwin Park was not able to attend.

On February 8, 2020, ActiveSGV hosted a family-friendly community bike ride through the city of Baldwin Park. The event targeted community members from South Puente Valley, Baldwin Park, Rowland Heights, and City of Industry. Attendees were local residents from surrounding cities. The majority of attendees were Asian and Latinx adults.

We kicked off the event at Morgan Park in Baldwin Park with an introduction on WaterTalks including a description of what WaterTalks is, a discussion about how water projects are planned and funded in California, IRWM regions, and future needs assessment and planning. Along the bike route, we stopped at Walnut Creek Nature Park which has new drought tolerant landscaping and bioswales. At the park, we discussed topics including surface water and groundwater, watershed, flooding, water-related recreation, land use, capturing and storing water, water sources, tap and drinking water, and water service providers. A third stop was made at Baldwin Park Pizza Company where event attendees were able to chat more about water issues and complete their comment forms while sharing a meal.

A strength identified in Baldwin Park is community access to Walnut Creek Nature Park. A strength and opportunity identified in La Puente is that the city is working on creating a greenway trail along the Puente Creek wash. Community members were concerned about the cycle of purchasing clean, bottled drinking water, creating plastic waste, and plastic waste making its way into storm drains and oceans. Community members expressed interest in attending workshops on drought tolerant landscaping. Attendees would like more water to be stored and recycled locally to reduce carbon emissions and prevent water from being shipped. Community members are in support of creating more protected bike lanes with bulb outs and permeable landscaping, bioswales, and greenways. Attendees also mentioned that there needs to be more public awareness around water conservation so that changes can be made at the individual, community, and legislative level.